

Preliminary to examination, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 60 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 12, 19, 23, 30 and 59 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An aqueous ink for ejecting by an ink-jet process, comprising a self-dispersing pigment and a resin encapsulating a coloring material, the self-dispersing pigment and the resin encapsulating a coloring material being dispersed in an aqueous medium.

12. (Twice Amended) An aqueous ink for an ink-jet process, comprising a self-dispersing pigment having a cationic group, and a resin encapsulating a coloring material, the self-dispersing pigment and the resin encapsulating a coloring material being dispersed in an aqueous medium.

B³ 19. (Amended) An ink cartridge, comprising an ink container containing an ink, which comprises a self-dispersing pigment and a resin encapsulating a coloring material, the self-dispersing pigment and the resin encapsulating a coloring material being dispersed in an aqueous medium.

E⁴ 23. (Amended) The ink cartridge according to Claim 19, wherein the ink further comprises a pigment dispersant.

B⁵ 30. (Amended) An ink cartridge, comprising an ink container containing an ink comprising a self-dispersing pigment having a cationic group, and a resin encapsulating a coloring material, the self-dispersing pigment and the resin encapsulating a coloring material being dispersed in an aqueous medium.

B⁶ 59. (Amended) An aqueous ink for an ink-jet printing process comprising a colorant comprised of a self-dispersing pigment and a resin encapsulated coloring material, the self-dispersing pigment and the resin encapsulated coloring material being dispersed in an aqueous medium, wherein the ink provides an image whose optical